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NOVEL UNNATURAL BASES AND USE

THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2008, finally rejecting claims 2-15, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.